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The Presbyterian,  
Philadelphia, Penn'a.

KULING, OCT. 10. 1934.

Dear sirs,

I have enjoyed the Presbyterian very much the past years, and feel it is doing much in at least trying to keep our church true to the Holy Word and at the same time handling gently the two quite distinct divisions of our church, which may have the same ultimate aim but, to some of us, their different methods would hardly indicate. I have seen enough of Mission work in the last 35 years, The absolute waste of the Lords money, The unfaithfulness of His workers, and the absolute ineffectiveness of the work here in China to feel there is something very radically wrong and that our dear Lord cannot bless such labors. Comparasons of course are odious but I should think to any fair minded person there is ~~no~~ a tremendous difference in the quality and effectiveness of the work done by our own church and that done, for instance by the China Inland Mission. This is my own deep conviction for your own benefit and not for publication.

I am enclosing check for \$3.50 for another years subscription, with my very best wishes for the Presbyterian that it may remain faithful for the

Sincerely,

Whole truth. Most

Stephen L. Lewis M.D.  
Kuling Community Hospital



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OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

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156 FIFTH AVENUE  
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OFFICE OF SECRETARY

October 15, 1934.

The Rev. Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,  
The Presbyterian,  
1217 Market Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I have before me your two kind letters of October 5th and 8th. I will have to ask you for a little more time for the one of the 5th because I am making only a flying visit to my office between promotion trips.

Your letter of the 8th, however, deserves immediate word. I am really troubled by your feeling that "in private we recognize things which officially we refuse to recognize." I really believe that if you are thinking of the Board here that does not apply. We know, of course, that missionaries are not all equal and that some have ideas that differ from others but if any of these ideas in the mission force are outside the field of a true evangelical faith I think it is honest to say that we do not know it. Nor do I know why any missionary should have any "fear of reprisal." I wonder what reprisal could occur. Would he mean that his brethren on the field would count him merely a trouble maker or could he possibly think that the Board itself would perform any act of reprisal? I do not think there is a solitary case on record, because no solitary case exists, when the Board has failed to welcome from any sincere and open-hearted missionary, or other worker, whatever criticism he has to offer. There are cantankerous men of course and one has to keep full control of one's self in dealing with them but when their criticisms affects the work committed to us in the Name of Christ it would be suicidal and un-Christian to be over sensitive. I do earnestly hope you will press your point about your correspondent writing to us. I do not think we can say that this is "a straight out unveiled protest." It is very much veiled for no one could possibly expect us to go around and ask every Mission whether it is the one to which the brother refers. We are absolutely in the dark and I would really doubt whether it is a good service of the Church to let so dark and unexplained a statement go before sincere earnest people who have no way of knowing what the writer means. If we do not know, how then can these earnest Christian men and women in the Church know? Unhappily we are all informed, all of us, of the wide latitude taken here in the Church. I wish it were not so wide for I think we are weakened by it. It is a case where breadth has run to thinness. I really believe, however, that the pressure of the non-Christian world on the missionaries prevents that in our forces. Of course among the 27,000 missionaries of all the churches there must be some wild-eyed ones but if they exist among our 1,400 on any theological lines I do not know who they are. If this seems to you strange or surprising I think I shall have to say that it is still my judgment. I always enjoy the Presbyterian and we are grateful to you for the way in which you are carrying it forward.

Heartily,

*Cleland B. McAfee*  
Cleland B. McAfee



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Total Receipts, \$482,168

Oct. 16, 1934.

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson,  
1217 Market Street,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Editor:

I am interested in several articles, in your issue of Oct. 11, 34, dealing with the Henry W. Coray case.

On Page 5 of your issue of Oct. 11—you have an item on "Lackawanna Presbytery Seeks to Hold Mr Coray!"

Would you mind telling me who was responsible for the news item?

On Page 3, in the article on "Fair Play" I find these words—"The full weight of ecclesiastical censure was made to fall upon the head of a young man not long in the ministry, a product of our own Church!"

Mr Coray's father for a number of years was the pastor of a Baptist Church in West Pittston, Pa., and left it and connected himself with the Christian Missionary Alliance. I would say that young Mr Coray came to us from another denomination. You can check if you wish and find out whether the above information is true or not.

Hoping to hear from you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Joseph L. Weisley.



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CHARLES R. ERDMAN, PRESIDENT  
20 LIBRARY PLACE, PRINCETON, N. J.

October 16, 1934.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

Attention has been called to your Editorial in  
The Presbyterian of October the 4th, 1934, containing the charge  
that the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions is employing "Uni-  
tarians" as its representatives. You are hereby invited to  
appear before the Board at its next meeting, November 18th, to  
present proofs to substantiate this charge. If you possess  
no such proof, you are requested to send to the Board immediately  
the name of any informant so that the fullest possible investiga-  
tion can be instituted.

Please let me hear from you before Monday of next  
week.

Yours faithfully,

*Charles R. Erdman*

The Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,  
Elizabeth, New Jersey.



October 17, 1934

Dear Doctor Erdman:-

I shall plan to be present on  
November 18th as you request.

With warm personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

The Rev. Dr. Chas. R. Erdman,  
20 Library Place,  
Princeton, N. J.

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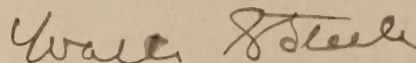
My dear Dr. Robinson:

In reply to your favor of the 13th, I am very sorry to say that we haven't found any "reliable" Presbyterians down here who feel they are in a position to give you any material along our line. But we will keep on the job until we do. Certainly there must be some left.

I haven't seen Chaffee's paper yet.

Sincerely yours,

NATIONAL REPUBLIC



Walter S. Steele

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# First Presbyterian Church

Sixth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Oct. 18, 1934.

CLARENCE EDWARD MACARTNEY  
MINISTER

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,  
Second Presbyterian Church,  
Elizabeth, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I had no intimation that action was to be taken against the signers of the Auburn Affirmation in the Philadelphia Presbytery. Nine years ago, when the Affirmation came out, was the time to have acted in the courts of the Church. That was not done because, as you know, we were concentrating on the effort to correct things in the Presbytery of New York, where Dr. Fosdick was then preaching in a Presbyterian Church. In a way, the success of that effort, and my election at the Assembly of 1924, was the Church's answer to the Affirmation. I question the wisdom of this action in the Presbytery of Philadelphia nine years after that Christ-dishonoring document, the Auburn Affirmation, was promulgated. Furthermore, there are some signers who undoubtedly hold, or held, evangelical views. Some of them have signed my Declaration of Presbyterian Liberty.

Conservative men have been pleased with the general tone of the comments of THE PRESBYTERIAN on the action concerning the Independent Board. Our liberties are gone if we submit tamely<sup>to</sup> that action. You are aware that Mr. Coray, who went out with our Mr. McIlwaine as a missionary under the Independent Board, has been dropped from the roll of the Presbytery of Lackawanna. The Presbytery was within its rights, in a constitutional sense, in declining to dissolve pastoral relationship. The tragedy of it is that an able and consecrated man was by the General Assembly's action forced into a position where he had to choose between obedience



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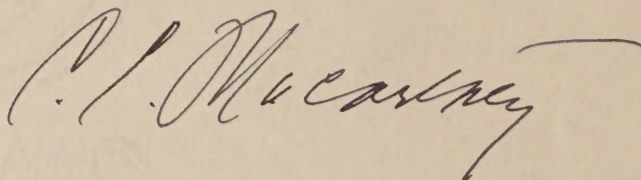
CLARENCE EDWARD MACARTNEY  
MINISTER

Dr. Robinson, # 2.

to the Presbytery and the call of God. There is something, not only alarming, but very sad, about this. I am watching events, and will communicate with you from time to time. A Mass Meeting was suggested in the Academy of Music in Philadelphia. I was not able to go at the suggested date, but perhaps one will be held later on.

With best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. E. Macartney". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Faithfully yours,".



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CHARLES R. ERDMAN, PRESIDENT  
20 LIBRARY PLACE, PRINCETON, N. J.

October 18, 1934.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

Let me thank you for consenting to be present at the meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions on Monday afternoon, November the 19th. I would suggest that if convenient for you, you should appear at three-thirty in the Assembly Room of the Board, which, as you know, is on the eighth floor of the Presbyterian Building, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Yours faithfully,

*Charles R. Erdman*

The Rev. Stewart M. Robinson, D.D.,  
Elizabeth, New Jersey.



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CUTHBERT W. POUND  
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October 30, 1934.

Dear Doctor Robinson:-

It is with delight that I receive a letter from you calling up pleasant recollections of the past. Sometimes I am apprehensive about the "Mercury." It is not the kind of reading that I would select for the clergy although it might do them good, at that. Worse than that, however, I think that it has deteriorated since Menck~~en~~ Nathan left it.

I get to New York occasionally but I am usually so busy that I cannot do much visiting except on my daughter at White Plains. After January 1, I shall have more time but perhaps no trips to New York.

Miss Douglas was at last convinced that she could not go on with her work. We got her a moderate retiring allowance. I have not seen her lately.

With loving regards to you and Mrs. Robinson,

Cordially yours,

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson,  
Elizabeth, N.J.

*Cuthbert W. Pound*